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CATTLE ON FEED

ARIZONA

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Arizona feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 303,000 head as of April 1, 2016. The latest inventory was 2 percent above last month's inventory and 26 percent above April 1, 2015. The inventory included 294,000 steers and steer calves, 24 percent above last year. Heifers and heifer calves, at 9,000 head, are up from 4,000 head on hand a year ago. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 24,000 head of fed cattle during March 2016, up 14 percent from the previous month and also up 14 percent from the March 2015 marketings. An estimated 31,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during March 2016, 28 percent below last month, but 24 percent above the March 2015 placements of 25,000 head. Other disappearance for March 2016, at 1,000 head, was 5,000 head below last year but no change from last month.

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Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on April 1, 2016. The inventory was 1 percent above April 1, 2015. The inventory included 7.36 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 68 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.49 million head, up 4 percent from 2015. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.89 million head, 5 percent above 2015. Net placements were 1.83 million head. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 352,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 275,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 495,000 head, and 800 pounds and greater were 770,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.75 million head, 7 percent above 2015. Other disappearance totaled 62,000 head during March, 10 percent below 2015.

For a full copy of the April 2016 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.